

## **Copyright and Fair Use Policy Information**

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When considering information for digital storytelling pieces, keep the following in mind. The same copyright protections associated with print apply to audio, images, video, and text captured from the internet. Although there are many free websites to select information from, it is important to carefully check for a copyright when using information from the web. Often, copyrights are not always obvious. Complying with the fair use guidelines will help educators ensure that they are not infringing on copyright policies.

### **Fair Use Policy Information**

When looking at fair use policy, consider the following four factors: the purpose of the respondents; the nature of the copyrighted work; the amount and substitutability of the portion of the work; and the effect of the marketability on the copyrighted work. The following information is designed to help you make your decision on whether the information is to be considered fair use:

- Nonprofit information can be considered for fair use.
- Information that is greatly altered from the original can be considered for fair use.
- The more artistic the work is, the less likely it is considered fair use.
- Out-of-print work is often considered for fair use.
- If the amount used is 50 percent or more of the work, then it likely is not fair use.
- If the work is not altered in appearance and audience, then it is likely to run into problems with fair use.